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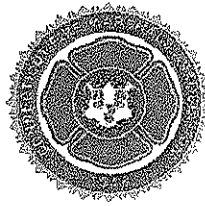
Committee on Public safety and Security

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Chairs , Reprehensive Dargan , Senator Hartley and members of the Public safety and Security Committee. I am Kevin Kowalski Fire Marshal from Simsbury and Also the Chair of the Legislative committee of the CFMA. The CFMA has a membership of 300 certified Marshals . We also sit within the Commission on Fire Prevention and control and the Joint Fire Service Council.

I am here today to speak against SB 1016 and 1017. While we understand that we all have to make sacrifices to reduce the deficit and still be able to serve the needs of the citizens of CT. To that end We agree with the suggested reorganization by the Joint Council of Fire Service. Placing these organizations under DEMHS is a great fit. The mission of DEMHS is to Plan, Train, organize and react to all hazards , both natural and manmade. The economies in combining the work force and would enhance the services provided to all of the agencies involved.

The Commission should be kept as a Non Paid supervisory roll over the Fire Administrator. The fire administrator not only holds various Statutory rolls in the Fire service but also within The Fire Commission offers not only Basic level training but also Training in Fire Prevention , Fire inspection, Juvenile fire setting programs and the like. The Training arm would be enhanced with the inclusion of The Office of Education and DATA management. They also have Certification rolls in not only emergency responders but also Fire Marshals and Fire Investigators . They also collect all the DATA about Fire Incidents within CT and is better able to



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check for trends that could assist in determining proper training assets. Thank you for this opportunity Voice our Ideas to you today.

